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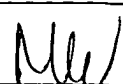
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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/630,753	Applicant(s) TAYLOR ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the amendment received on 6/03/2004.

Status of the Claims

2. Claims 21-40 are pending in this application (new claims 29-40 are recently added).

Restriction

3. After reviewing the pending application, the election to one of the following inventions is deemed necessary because a subject matter of new claims 29-40 (submitted by attorney Gary Pierce) were restricted previously (attorney A. John Pate withdrew similar subject matter representing claims 1-20 on 11/10/2003 without traverse). The delay of this requirement is regretted by the examiner of the record.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 21-28 are drawn to a method for extracting information from the Internet, classified in US class 345, subclass 708.

II. Claims 29-40 are drawn to a method providing a comparison of information in the Internet, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

4. The inventions (group I and group II) are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I and Group II are merely related to

using the information from the Internet; however, a step of extracting information are not necessarily including a step of comparison information (e.g., merely extracting all US Patents' inventors; or extracting all US Patent's assignee from the Internet for a statistic table).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicants are advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 703-305-4553. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am - 330pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the supervisor - JEFFREY A SMITH - number is 703-308-3588.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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Art Unit 3625